



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

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William H. Dwight
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

In January, 2016 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing project proposals submitted for CPA funding. After extensive review including applicant presentations, public comment sessions and committee deliberation the CPC unanimously voted to recommend eight funding requests totaling \$1,455,285. Collectively, these projects will leverage just over one and a half million dollars from other funding sources, including state and federal grants, private contributions, and volunteer work.

Complete CPA applications that include detailed information about each project recommended are available at www.archive.northamptonma.gov:8080/WebLink8/0/fol/527862/Row1.aspx, and meeting minutes, information about the CPA, and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage: www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, the Committee's recommendations, or if additional information is needed.

Projects Recommended for Funding:

Stained Glass Window Restoration, First Churches of Northampton: \$213,000

These funds will be used to restore two of the historic stained glass windows in the church sanctuary: The Tiffany window, which was gifted to the Church by the Parsons family in 1899, and the Rose window, which faces Main Street.

Saw Mill Hills Open Space Acquisition, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$72,000

This acquisition will add 22 acres to the Saw Mill Hills in Leeds: 3 acres on the western side of Reservoir Road with direct water access, and 19 acres of bluff and views overlooking the reservoir.

Historic Scenic Curtain Restoration, Academy of Music: \$44,785

This project will allow the Academy to restore a scenic curtain depicting a Northampton scene that was recently found stapled to the back of the main stage curtain. It is thought to be the largest remaining historic curtain on the East Coast.

Supportive Housing for Homeless Youth, Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals: \$275,000

CPA funds will be used to contribute to the purchase price of a house in Northampton that will provide up to eight units of housing and support service for unaccompanied homeless youth. Homeless individuals between 18 and 25 face a gap in housing services that this home will help to address.

Conservation Fund, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$30,000

This fund creates opportunities for protection of open space and agricultural parcels in Northampton by allowing for fast action on time-sensitive real estate opportunities. The Fund creates an at-hand resource to conduct necessary due diligence work prior to acquisitions.

Fitzgerald Lake Invasive Plant Control, Broad Brook Coalition \$12,800

These funds will allow BBC to continue efforts to control and eliminate several different species of invasive plants that are damaging critical habitats essential to the health of native wildlife and plants, including endangered species.

Shepherd Barn Dendrochronology Study, Historic Northampton: \$2,300

CPA funds will be used to conduct a dendrochronology wood-dating study of the Shepherd Barn at historic Northampton, which will be used in preparation for a full restoration project of the structure.

Pulaski Park Renovation and Expansion, Northampton Department of Public Works: \$805,400

CPA funds will be used to continue design and construction of Pulaski Park. This phase includes construction of the Overlook Expansion that will create new park space to the rear of the existing park. The Committee recommends bonding for a portion of this project..

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee